(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता क्योंकि इसका समर्थन मूल्य घोषित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है क्योंकि यह एक प्रमुख कृषि जिंस नहीं है और इसका उत्पादन अखिल भारतीय दृष्टि से नगण्य है ।

जो वाणिज्यिक फसल जल्द खराब होने वाली तथा स्थानिक उत्पादन वाली होती हैं तथा जिनके मूल्य केन्द्रीय मूल्य समर्थन योजना के अंतर्गत शामिल नहीं होते उनके लिए मंडी में हस्तक्षेप करने की योजना के अंतर्गत पारस्परिक रूप से सहमत मूल्य पर एक पूर्व निश्चित मात्रा की खरीद निर्धारित करके सहायता प्रदान की जाती है । सरकार द्वारा हस्तक्षेप करने का कार्य आरम्भ करने का निर्णय किसी राज्य सरकार के विशेष अनुरोध पर एक निश्चित अवधि के वास्ते लिया जाता है ।

Economic Advisory Committee concern over High Foodgrains Prices

884. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:
SHRI S. MADHAVAN:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Sunday Times of India and Financial Express of 14th June, 1992 regarding concern shown by the Economic Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister on food management; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the various suggestions made by the Committee in their report submitted to the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government attaches very high priority to the management of the food economy with a view to ensuring adequate availability and containing market prices. The views of the Economic Advisory Council and other expert bodies are kept in view in taking Government decision in this important area.

Intensive Cotton Development Programme

885. SHRI S. MADHAVAN:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the implementation of the Intensive Cotton Development Programme for the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States which are implementing this scheme and the amount paid to them during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(d) what are the financial outlays for this scheme; and

(e) how much cotton production is expected from the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme covers subsidy on Seed distribution, incentive for production of Foundation seed and certified seeds, use of Breeder seed, IPM Demonstrations and subsidies on Plant Protection chemicals and equipments as well as subsidy on use of Sprinkler sets and tractor-mounted sprayers, etc.

(c) The scheme is being implemented by eleven States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and U.P. A statement indicating the amount released, Statewise, during the year 1991-92 and the amount released so far during 1992-93, is enclosed. (*See* below)

(d) The total outlay earmarked for this scheme during 1992-93 is Rs. 1976.96 lakh.

(e) The crop season has just commenced, therefore, it is too early to estimate cotton production in the States covered under the scheme.

Statement

State-wise amount paid during 1991-92 *and* 1992-93 *under intensive Cotton Development Programme*

S. No.	Name of State	Amount released (Rs. in lakh) 1991-92	1992-93
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6·98	196·55
2.	Gujarat	18·66	101·95
3.	Haryana	49·91	100·88
4.	Karnataka	19·395	44·138
5.	Madhya Pradesh	15·53	55·12
6.	Maharashtra	108·14	174·47
7.	Orissa	0·45	2·95
8.	Punjab	26·30	108·59
9.	Rajasthan	46·22	89·78
10.	Tamil Nadu	10·19	39·31
11.	Uttar Pradesh	6·83	7·71
	Total :	308.605	921·478

Subsidy to agriculture sector

886. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total subsidy to agricultural sector through fertilizer, irrigation, electricity and food; and

(b) whether co-ordinated aggregate direct subsidies come to around Rs. 14,000 crores per annum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Government of India made available a subsidy of Rs. 5185 Crores through fertilisers, to the agriculture sector, in 1991-92. On food, the subsidy was Rs.. 2850 Crores in 1991-92 which was paid to the Food Corporation of India. Information is being collected with respect to estimates of subsidy on irrigation and electricity.